

## **Earthday 2005**

At this years Earth Day, the Army took its message about “preserving the environment for a secure future” to communities around the country. The Army hosted dozens of environmental leaders and more than three thousand students at this year’s Earth Day at Zoo Atlanta. It was a great way to learn about caring for our nation’s land, protecting its wildlife and recycling waste to reduce pollution.

**James Hicks/ Young Spectator: It helps us use different stuff, that if we threw out, it would hurt the environment, and we re-use it, and we can sometimes use that, re-use it and turn it into something that can help the environment.**

Helping the environment is exactly what the Army is doing on over 15 million acres of land that is home to more than 175 threatened and endangered species. The Army works to maintain a strong balance between our training mission and sustaining the environment.

**Alex Beehler/ Asst. Deputy Under Sec. of: “We also believe very strongly in improving the environment and reducing our footprint and being proactive.”**

The future lies with the U-S Army working hand in hand with its neighbors as well as other government agencies.

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Bill Ross/ Secretary, NC Department of Environment and Natural

Resources: ...It's a great reminder that we need to be looking at the biggest problems of our day are, from an environmental and related standpoint, and that we need to be crafting solutions that are addressed at those problems and partnerships and innovation and teamwork are part of the bundle of solutions, I believe, that are going to make sure that the health of our eco-systems is maintained or approved, while these other functions, military included get served...

Alex Beehler/ Asst. Deputy Under Sec. of: "From Design to disposal...  
...its absolutely imperative that we engage in partnerships across the board with our neighbors in surrounding the installations, we've made great progress and we look forward to expanding that in the future.

Events such as Earth Day at Zoo Atlanta help promote the Army's message that together we all can sustain our environment for a secure future.

From Zoo Atlanta, in Atlanta, Georgia.... I'm Jesse McGill